

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/GB2004/005404

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 E01H4/02

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 E01H

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-37

Ice rink resurfacing device

2. claims: 38-43

Heater device

3. claims: 44-46

Wheel

4. claims: 47-51

Winch system

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